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**REMARKS**

Claim 1 is pending in the instant application. The rejection of claim 1 has been maintained under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as the Examiner maintains that "any change" in mRNA expression levels has not been demonstrated nor has protein expression been demonstrated to be indicative of uterine or ovarian cancer as claimed.

While Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner regarding this rejection, in an earnest effort to advance the prosecution of this case, claim 1 has been amended to delete any reference to protein expression and to replace the phrase "a change" with the phrase --an increase-- in accordance with teachings at page 16-22 of the instant specification. New claims 11-21, clearly supported by claim 1, have also been added. No new matter is added by these amendments.

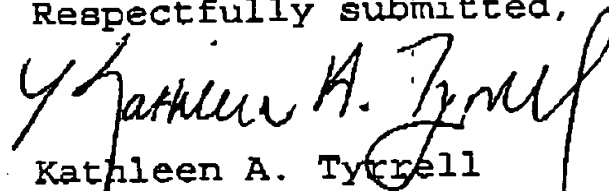
Applicants believe that the claims as amended overcome all outstanding rejections.

Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and subsequent

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allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

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